

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

Richmond Division

VINCENT ELLIOT WILSON,
Plaintiff,

v.

Civil No. 3:23cv573 (DJN)

ACTING SHERIFF JOSE QUIROZ,
Defendant.

MEMORANDUM OPINION

Plaintiff submitted this action as a petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241. “[T]he settled rules [provide] that habeas corpus relief is appropriate only when a prisoner attacks the fact or duration of confinement, *see Preiser v. Rodriguez*, 411 U.S. 475 (1973); whereas, challenges to the conditions of confinement that would not result in a definite reduction in the length of confinement are properly brought” by some other procedural vehicle. *Olajide v. B.I.C.E.*, 402 F. Supp. 2d 688, 695 (E.D. Va. 2005) (citing *Strader v. Troy*, 571 F.2d 1263, 1269 (4th Cir. 1978)). In this action, Plaintiff challenges his conditions of confinement. Accordingly, the action will proceed as a civil action, rather than a petition for a writ of habeas corpus.

Plaintiff has not paid the filing fee. The pertinent statute provides:

In no event shall a prisoner bring a civil action [*in forma pauperis*] if the prisoner has, on 3 or more prior occasions, while incarcerated or detained in any facility, brought an action or appeal in a court of the United States that was dismissed on the grounds that it is frivolous, malicious, or fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, unless the prisoner is under imminent danger of serious physical injury.

28 U.S.C. § 1915(g). Plaintiff has at least three other actions or appeals that have been dismissed as frivolous or for failure to state a claim. *See Wilson v. Arthur*, No. 3:23cv82 (DJN), 2023 WL


2506420, at *6 (E.D. Va. Mar. 14, 2023); *Wilson v. Burgess*, No. 3:22cv662 (DJN), 2023 WL 2505863, at *5 (E.D. Va. Mar. 14, 2023); *Wilson v. Arthur*, No. 3:22cv602 (DJN), 2023 WL 2507554, at *6 (E.D. Va. Mar. 14, 2023), *aff'd* 2023 WL 4839377 (4th Cir. July 28, 2023); *Wilson v. U.S.P.S.*, No. 3:22cv689 (DJN), 2023 WL 1997069, *2 (E.D. Va. Feb. 14, 2023); *Wilson v. Lindsey*, No. 3:23cv83 (DJN), 2023 WL 1997070, at *2 (E.D. Va. Feb. 14, 2023), *aff'd* 2023 WL 4839386 (4th Cir. July 28, 2023). Plaintiff's current complaint does not suggest that he is in imminent danger of serious physical harm.

Accordingly, his request to proceed *in forma pauperis* will be DENIED. The action will be DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

Plaintiff remains free to submit a new complaint with the full \$402 filing fee. The Court will process such a complaint as a new civil action.

An appropriate Final Order will accompany this Memorandum Opinion.

Let the Clerk file a copy of the Memorandum Opinion electronically and send a copy to Plaintiff.

/s/ 

David J. Novak
United States District Judge

Richmond, Virginia
Dated: September 19, 2023